

Denise Marie Toney, Ph.D.

Virginia Department of General Services Director, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

Denise Marie Toney, Ph.D., was appointed Director of the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services in 2014 after serving as lead scientist for more than 15 years and deputy director since 2012. Dr. Toney has more than 20 years of professional laboratory experience in the areas of chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology and molecular biology and has worked to improve Virginia's State Laboratory (DCLS) by building partnerships with state and federal agencies and expanding services to include the establishment of a new molecular biology laboratory in 1998 and the implementation of molecular-based and other state-of-the-art laboratory testing methods. Dr. Toney has an in-depth understanding of classical and emerging technologies for the detection and tracking of infectious diseases, as well as extensive experience with public health laboratory management, grant preparation and management, biosafety, biosecurity and quality assurance.

Throughout her career, she has sought numerous opportunities to promote and enhance public health, improve the delivery of laboratory services, enhance staff training and education, and mentoring new scientific professionals. As such, Dr. Toney holds an adjunct faculty appointment at Virginia Commonwealth University and routinely provides guest lectures at area universities and colleges. Dr. Toney has directly supervised and mentored numerous students (interns, undergraduates, graduate students and fellows) while employed at DCLS, including two Ph.D. candidates in partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Toney received her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and in Chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and her Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University.